

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

Voting Members:

Tommy Waters, Chair; Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice-Chair;
Carol Fukunaga, Joey Manahan, Ron Menor

Committee Meeting Held
August 29, 2019

Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Interim Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare, to which was referred Bill 40 (2019) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PLASTIC,"

introduced on July 9, 2019 and which passed first reading at the August 7, 2019 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Bill is to address the provision of certain single-use plastic goods and plastic bags.

The Deputy Director from the Department of Environmental Services provided comments on enforceability challenges of the CD1 proposed by Councilmember Fukunaga and the need to clarify definitions in the Bill.

The Chief Resilience Officer and Executive Director from the Mayor's Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency testified in opposition to the CD1 proposed by Councilmember Fukunaga and in support of the Bill.

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At your Committee's meeting on August 29, 2019, Vita, Inc., Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii, Kokua Hawaii Foundation, Protea Zero Waste Store, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, Surfrider Foundation, Sierra Club of Hawaii, UNITE HERE! Local 5, Planet Earth, the Nook Neighborhood Bistro, and 11 individuals testified in support of the Bill. Island Plastic Bags, Inc., the Hawaii Restaurant Association, and KYD, Inc. dba K. Yamada Distributors testified in opposition to the Bill.

Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Bill from 328 individuals and the following organizations:

- Algalita Marine Research and Education
- Action for Nature
- Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii
- Bluetree Café
- Farm To Barn Café
- Hawaii Eco Straws
- Holo Holo Charters
- Honolulu Tennis League
- Insurance Agency Hawaii LLC
- Kahala Resort
- Kalapawai Market & Café
- Kauai Beer Company
- Keiko Conservation
- Kokua Hawaii Foundation
- Lanikai Brewing Company
- LuLu's Waikiki
- Pioneer Saloon at Kakaako

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- Pioneer Saloon at Monsarrat Ave
- PITCH SPORTS BAR
- Polynesian Cultural Center
- Protea Zero Waste Store
- Sail Hawaii International, LLC
- Surfrider Foundation
- Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii
- Sustainable Island Products
- The Beet Box Café Hawaii
- The Nook Neighborhood Bistro
- Vital Inc.
- World Surf League
- Worthy LLC
- Sierra Club of Hawaii
- Skyline Eco-Adventures
- Young Progressives Demanding Action (YPDA)
- YPDA Environmental Justice Committee
- Free Access Coalition
- Island Brew Coffeehouse
- Blondie's Plant Based Food Truck
- Unite Here! Local 5 Hawaii
- Zero Waste Oahu

Written testimony in opposition to the Bill was received from four individuals and the following organizations:

- Hawaii Restaurant Association

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- Island Plastic Bags Inc.
- KYD, Inc. dba: K. Yamada Distributors
- Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

At your Committee's meeting on August 29, 2019, Committee members made the following comments and expressed the following concerns:

- Committee Chair Waters indicated that the Bill was necessary and that there was a need to evaluate expanding the language to better preserve the environment for future generations.
- Councilmember Manahan indicated that it is important to address the environmental impacts of plastic.
- Council Chair Emeritus Menor asked questions of the Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services regarding the tax implications of the CD1 proposed by Councilmember Fukunaga and highlighted the importance of the Bill.
- Councilmember Fukunaga indicated that it is critical to reduce plastic without unbearable burdens on the community.

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Your Committee on Public Safety and Welfare is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 40 (2019), and recommends that it pass Second Reading, be scheduled for public hearing, and be referred back to Committee. (Ayes: Manahan, Menor, Waters – 3 ; Noes: None; Excused: Fukunaga, Tsuneyoshi -2.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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